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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted with the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments be entered before computing the filing fee for the application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the appended Remarks.

This application is being filed for the express purpose of provoking an Interference in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §135 and 37 C.F.R. §1.607 with United States Patent No. 6,413,298 (hereinafter "the '298 patent"), issued July 2, 2002 to Wnek et al. The '298 patent issued less than one year ago, and this request for an Interference is timely under 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(1). A copy of the '298 patent is appended hereto as Exhibit A.

This paper will first introduce amended claims into the application and then present information as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.607(a)(1)-(a)(6) to support the request for the declaration of an Interference.